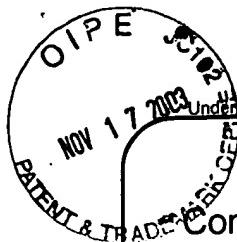


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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	09/456,897
Filing Date	08 December 1999
First Named Inventor	Keith Thomas Ahern
Art Unit	2176
Examiner Name	A. Yuan
Attorney Docket Number	P HA 23778

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Signature	<i>Raymond J. Werner</i>	Date	13 November 2003

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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